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In re Patent Application of:  
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Art Unit: 1621

For: METHOD FOR THE SEPARATION OF  
INTERMEDIATES WHICH MAY BE USED  
FOR THE PREPARATION OF  
ESCITALOPRAM

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Examiner: Sudhakar Katakam

**RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 17, 2008, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 34 of this paper.